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THROUGH: Chief, 

 of 15 December 1953, requesting 25X1A8a
information on the Caribbean Legion.

1. Attached is a report on the Caribbean Legion prepared in answer to the questions posed in the subject memo.

2. It is the opinion of the  that the Caribbean Legion is no longer in existence as an effective organization, but that both "democratic" and "dictatorial" elements in the Caribbean area find it advantageous to maintain the fiction of an organized Legion in order to gain support and sympathy for their respective ideologies. Moreover, because the name "Caribbean Legion" does retain the prestige associated with its earlier, and relatively effective, organization, it seems probable that the name will continue to be used by ambitious revolutionary elements.

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3. Recent unconfirmed reports speak of sizeable armed forces in existence in Guatemala. These reports cannot be evaluated without further investigation. However, it is possible that an organization similar to the Legion has been organized as the raw material for such an organization does exist in the various groups of exiles and political dissidents who are continually plotting to seize power in their respective countries. If organized, the group probably has the liberal-leftist orientation of the earlier Legion, but its immediate objectives and its leaders probably differ, inasmuch as the most important exile groups at the present time are Venezuelan and Cuban, in contrast to the Nicaraguan and Dominican elements which formerly dominated the Legion.

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